THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Examiner: David J. Steadman

Brian ANDERTON et al. : Group Art Unit: 1656

Application No. 10/562,951 : Attorney Docket No.: 0380-P03923US0

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For: SCREENING METHODS

Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a):

The undersigned hereby petitions for an extension of time of one (1) month beyond the time period set in the last Office Action. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$65 to cover this fee. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1406.

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Dear Sir:

In response to the May 12, 2009 Official Action, and the Advisory Action of November 23, 2009, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: